

# Polycoat RBE

## Rubberized bitumen emulsion

Tough, seamless and flexible vapor proof protective coating



### CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Cold applied
- ▶ Single component, easy to apply
- ▶ Can be applied on damp substrates
- ▶ Can be applied in closed or confined areas.
- ▶ Water based
- ▶ Good resistance against chloride and sulphate ions
- ▶ Has good adhesion to most building substrates
- ▶ Seamless/joint free
- ▶ Prevents fungal growth
- ▶ Does not Contain Asbestos, Chromated copper arsenate and Lead



### DESCRIPTION

Polycoat RBE is an emulsified rubber modified bitumen coating, which dries to form a tough, seamless, flexible vapor proof protective coating. Polycoat RBE conforms to the requirement of ASTM D 1227 Type III, class 1

### FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Can be used for a wide variety of applications, which includes the following:

- protective coating on concrete foundations
- curing compound on freshly cast concrete structures
- dampproof membrane in sandwich constructions
- vapor proof barrier coating

### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Contributes toward satisfying LEED® v4 requirements of the EQ Credit- Low-emitting Materials (for the VOC content).

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application temperature should be between 5°C to 55°C. Application procedures may vary slightly depending upon site conditions. The general recommended guidelines for the application of the bitumen coating system is as follows:

#### Surface preparation

The surface shall be cleaned thoroughly of all contaminants like dust, traces of curing compound, oil and grease. Light



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mechanical grinding/grit blasting/high pressure water jet may be used to clean the surface of all the contaminants depending on the degree of contamination on the surface to be coated. All surface imperfections and protrusions shall be removed and repaired. Structurally unsound and friable concrete must be removed and repaired with a suitable Polycrete\* concrete repair mortar.

#### Priming

It is highly recommended to apply a priming coat prior to the application of the Polycoat RBE coating on the substrate. The primer can be prepared in the site by diluting Polycoat RBE with 20% water and applying this diluted coat as the primer. For very dry and porous substrates apply two coats of this primer. The primer can be applied to damp or freshly cast concrete surfaces also. However, it should not be applied on waterlogged or flowing water areas. Further coats shall be applied only after the primer coat dries off completely. In case of delay in application of the top coat for more than 24 hours, a fresh coat of primer shall be re-applied.

#### Foundation Dampproofing

Stir the contents of the drum thoroughly before application to remove all sediments. Depending on the dry film thickness required, apply the rubberized bitumen coating @1-4m<sup>2</sup>/L./coat. For highly demanding situations, it is recommended to apply in multiple coats to achieve required thickness. On vertical areas, it is recommended

to apply the coating in multiple layers in order to avoid sagging of the heavy bodied coating. Subsequent coats shall be applied only after the previous coat dries off completely and shall be applied at right angles to the previous coat. Clean dry sand may be broadcasted onto the wet coating to provide a key for the subsequent coats and achieve a greater dry film thickness. The coating should be applied and finished up to the DPC level. If a plaster or cement render is to be applied on the bitumen coated surface, clean dry sand shall be broadcasted on to the coating whilst it is still wet. Leave the coating for curing for a minimum period of 48 hours before applying any protection board or backfilling. Care shall be taken to ensure that the first coat is not punctured during the application of the second coat. However, if the coating is damaged, the area can be readily over coated provided the surface preparation is done properly.

### Protection

Polycoat RBE coating should be protected from getting damaged due to the ongoing site activities and during backfilling. Coating laid on horizontal surfaces can be protected either by a cement sand screed (50mm thick) or by an asphaltic protection board (Bituboard)\*. On vertical surfaces the membrane has to be protected with Bituboard. Bituboard can be fixed on the membrane by a double sided bitumen adhesive tape (Bitutape TS)\*.

Note: Curing efficiency of bitumen based emulsion will not to be high as that of resin based curing compounds.

### COVERAGE

The coverage varies depending on the type of use:  
General Use : 2-4 m<sup>2</sup>/L/coat at required no. of coats

### CLEANING

Clean all tools immediately after use with water. Hardened material can be cleaned with a solvent.

### STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

The drums must be stored in a covered area, away from direct sunlight, UV and other sources of heat. The shelf life of the product is up to 12 months if stored as per the recommendations. Excessive exposure to sunlight

and UV will result in the deterioration of the product and reduce its shelf life.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

As with all bitumen products, caution should always be exercised. Protective clothing such as gloves and goggles should be worn. (See packing for specific instructions). Treat any splashes to the skin or eyes with fresh water immediately. Should any of the products be accidentally swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Call for medical help immediately. Ensure that the container is available for medical attendant to examine any relevant instructions and content details.

### SUPPLY

Polycoat RBE		20L pail & 200L drum
Bituboard	3.2 mm	2m x 1m, wt 7.7kg#
	6.0 mm	2m x 1m, wt 14.0kg#
Bitutape TS		10m x 50mm, wt 0.60kg#

# Approximate weight

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

PROPERTIES	VALUES	TEST STANDARDS
Color	Dark brown	-
Form	Thixotropic viscous liquid	-
Density, [g/cc]	1.02±0.02	ASTM D 2939
Solid Content, [%]	40±5 approx	ASTM D 2939
Rubber Content, [%]	> 10 on dried film	ASTM D 297
Elongation, [%]	>30	ASTM D 412
Drying Time [min]	60	-
Application temp, [°C]	5 to 55	
Service temp, [°C]	-5 to 75	
VOC [g/l]	<50	ASTM D 3960/ D 2369

All values given are subject to 5-10% variation

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